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28 Mar 51

FROM : COMNAVFE TOKYO JAPAN

TO : COM 7TH FLEET

INFO : CINCFE TOKYO JAPAN, CNO WASH DC, CINCPACFLT PEARL HARBOR TH, CTG 96.2, CTF 77, ALUSNA TAIPEI TAIWAN, CTF 95, CTG 95.9, CTG 70.6, CTF 90, CTG 72.0

NR : 280014 Z

This is my Op Order Nbr 5-51 based on my Op Order 20-50 and my Op Plan 110-50.

GENSIT: The Chinese Communists have publicly announced their intention to conduct amphibious operations against Formosa. The 7th Fleet has been assigned the task of defending Formosa against such an attack.

Weather conditions will soon be favorable for seaborne operations in the Formosa area and may lead, in the near future, to an attempted invasion of Formosa.

Enemy and friendly forces per current intelligence.

Gen Plan: Com 7th Flt will deploy 2 CV, 1 CL and appropriate escorts to the Formosa Straits and South China Coast areas to obtain necessary aerial photographic intelligence and to make a show of US Naval strength in those areas.

Tasks: This force will about 7-21 April conduct a sweep of the South China Coast and Formosa Straits area employing the USS Boxer, USS Philippine Sea, USS Manchester and appropriate escorts in order to:

A. Obtain photographic intelligence of South China coastal areas (with emphasis on that area opposite Formosa) and Hainan Island.

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B. Make a show of force in the Formosa Straits area and thereby boost Chinese Nationalist morale.

C. Act as a deterrent to a Chinese Communist invasion of Formosa.

D. Familiarize personnel with operation in above areas.

X. Conduct reconnaissance operations in accordance with restrictions imposed by JCS 83339 and by CINCFE CX 56765 of Mar 51. Obtain additional carrier photographic aircraft as required to accomplish this mission. Be prepared to return to Japan-Korea area in emergency. This op order effective for planning upon receipt and for operations as soon after 6 April as practicable.

Logistics: Normal.

Communications: In accordance Annex G to COMNAVFE Op Order 20-50. COMNAVFE VAdm Joy in Tokyo.

Action adee acknowledge.

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INFORMATION : COMMANDER IN CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2, G-3, JSPOG

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